

Ellis Island Oral Interview

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Interviewee: Friedrich Pfeiffer

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Interviewer: Paul E. Sigrist, Jr.

Immigrated from Germany at Age 25 in 1925

Ellis Island Collection: EI-119

Pfeiffer (Being called a greenhorn):

Naturally, we were called "greenhorns," of course, when you start. Well but there was an awful lot of Germans work in that part of the, of that shop and they were quite helpful, even though we had a foreman that also was of German descent and he more or less called me "greenhorn." And he didn't seem to want to help me much. But most of them were willing to show me or ask questions, when I ask questions to help me and so I sailed through that fairly good.